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SUPERMAN'S GIRL FRIEND LOIS LANE

LOIS, MY X-RAY VISION CAN'T SEE THROUGH YOUR LEAD MASK! WHAT SECRET ARE YOU HIDING FROM ME?

Featuring **"The SHOCKING SECRET of LOIS LANE!"**

I--I'M ASHAMED TO TELL ANYONE... NOT EVEN *YOU, SUPERMAN!* AND NOW... GOODBYE :SOB: ...I'M LEAVING METROPOLIS FOR GOOD!

NEW STARS for "OLD GLORY"

GOSH, DAD, OUR FLAG LOOKS DIFFERENT WITH 49 STARS -- BUT I WONDER WHAT OUR **FIRST** FLAG LOOKED LIKE?

MUCH DIFFERENT! IT WAS CALLED THE **GRAND UNION FLAG**...

"GENERAL GEORGE WASHINGTON BEAT THE BRITISH AT BOSTON UNDER THAT FLAG BEFORE OUR COUNTRY WAS BORN. THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE WAS SIGNED UNDER IT, TOO..."

"JOHN PAUL JONES TOOK OUR FIRST **STARS AND STRIPES** OUT TO SEA IN 1777. IT HAD 13 RED AND WHITE STRIPES AND 13 STARS. A FRENCH WAR VESSEL GAVE IT A NINE-GUN SALUTE..."

I MUST WRITE CONGRESS ABOUT THIS -- OUR FIRST RECOGNITION FROM A FOREIGN POWER!

"IN 1794 TWO NEW STRIPES AND TWO NEW STARS WERE ADDED FOR KENTUCKY AND VERMONT. THIS FLAG WAS USED IN THE WAR OF 1812, AND WAS THE ONE THAT INSPIRED THE COMPOSITION OF THE 'STAR-SPANGLED BANNER'..."

"THEN IN 1818 CONGRESS VOTED THAT THE FLAG SHOULD NEVER HAVE MORE THAN 13 STRIPES, IN HONOR OF THE FIRST 13 STATES, AND THAT A NEW STAR SHOULD BE ADDED FOR EACH NEW STATE..."

GENTLEMEN, LET US RISE IN HONOR OF OUR TWO NEW STATES, NEW MEXICO AND ARIZONA. IN THIS YEAR OF 1912 WE NOW HAVE 48 STARS FOR "OLD GLORY."

AND THAT'S THE WAY OUR FLAG STAYED UNTIL THIS YEAR WHEN ALASKA BECAME OUR 49TH STATE.

AND NEXT YEAR, WE'LL HAVE 50 STARS WHEN HAWAII BECOMES OUR NEXT NEW STATE. WONDER HOW "OLD GLORY" WILL LOOK THEN?

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SUPERMAN'S GIRL FRIEND

LOIS LANE

INTRODUCING... LOIS LANE'S PARENTS!

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED WHO LOIS LANE'S PARENTS ARE? WHERE THEY LIVE? WHAT THEIR HOPES ARE FOR THEIR ELDEST DAUGHTER, LOIS, WHO LEFT HER HOME TOWN, PITTSDALE, YEARS AGO TO MAKE GOOD IN METROPOLIS? WELL HERE'S YOUR CHANCE TO MEET SAM AND ELLA LANE, THE FATHER AND MOTHER OF THE MOST FAMOUS GIRL REPORTER IN THE WORLD! BUT CAN THEY GET THE MOST FAMOUS BACHELOR IN THE WORLD TO BE THEIR SON-IN-LAW? READ THIS STORY AND SEE!

THERE YOU ARE, MOM AND DAD! YOU WANTED THE TV ANTENNA FIXED, THE HOUSE PAINTED, THE WINDOWS POLISHED, AND NEW SHINGLES PUT ON THE ROOF! MY BOY FRIEND, SUPERMAN, IS DOING IT ALL IN ONE MINUTE FLAT!
BY GUM, ELLA! WHAT A SON-IN-LAW HE'D MAKE! I HOPE HE PROPOSES TO OUR DAUGHTER WHILE HE'S STAYING WITH US!

ONE DAY, IN THE OFFICE OF PERRY WHITE, EDITOR OF THE DAILY PLANET...
PERRY, I'VE BEEN INVITED TO ATTEND THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF MY HOMETOWN NEWSPAPER, THE PITTSDALE STAR! CAN I FLY HOME FOR A FEW DAYS?
THE PITTSDALE STAR? ISN'T THAT WHERE YOU GOT YOUR FIRST NEWSPAPER EXPERIENCE?
PITTSDALE STAR
PITTSDALE STAR TO CELEBRATE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF TOWN PAPER!
YES, IT'S THE TOWN WHERE I WAS BORN! MY FOLKS HAVE A FARM THERE! I HAVEN'T BEEN BACK THERE IN YEARS!
SO THIS SHOULD BE A BIG FAMILY REUNION, AS WELL! OKAY, LOIS! ENJOY YOURSELF! BUT BE BACK HERE ON SUNDAY NIGHT FOR A MAJOR STORY ASSIGNMENT!

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BUT THAT AFTERNOON, AS LOIS PHONES HER SISTER, LUCY LANE, AN AIRLINE STEWARDESS, AT THE METROPOLIS AIRPORT...
K AIRLINE
SURE, LOIS! I CAN GET YOU A FLIGHT RESERVATION! BUT THE FOG'S COMPLETELY CLOSED IN! ALL PLANES ARE GROUNDED TILL MORNING!
ESERVATIONS
BUT I'VE GOT TO LEAVE TODAY, LUCY! MY TIME IS LIMITED!
TOUGH LUCK, SIS! HOWEVER, I'LL SEE YOU IN PITTSDALE ON SATURDAY! I'M HOSTESS ON A PLANE CHARTERED BY SOME CIVILIAN BIG SHOTS WHO ARE STAYING THIS WEEKEND TO INSPECT THE AIR BASE NEAR PITTSDALE!
SHORTLY AFTER...
GOSH, CLARK, I SURE COULD USE SUPERMAN'S HELP NOW! A CEILING ZERO FOG WOULDN'T GROUND HIM!
LOIS HAS BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS TRIP FOR WEEKS! HMM.. I'LL CHANGE INTO MY SUPERMAN COSTUME AND TREAT HER TO A SPECIAL FLIGHT!
TEN MINUTES LATER, AS CLARK KENT, ALIAS SUPERMAN, PAYS A "SURPRISE" VISIT TO THE PLANET OFFICE...
HI, SUPERMAN! YOU DROPPED IN LIKE THE ANSWER TO A PRAYER! CAN I HITCH A RIDE WITH YOU TO MY HOME TOWN, PITTSDALE?
IT SO HAPPENS THAT, ASIDE FROM MY REGULAR PATROLS, I HAVE NOTHING IMPORTANT TO DO UNTIL SUNDAY! I'M AT YOUR SERVICE, LOIS!
SOON, AFTER A BRIEF STOP AT LOIS' APARTMENT TO PICK UP HER LUGGAGE...
IN PITTSDALE'S OPINION, I'M THE LOCAL GIRL WHO MADE GOOD IN EVERYTHING EXCEPT CATCHING A HUSBAND! THEY DON'T KNOW I LOVE A MAN WHO DOESN'T KNOW I'M ALIVE!
ER... LOIS... WE'RE ENTERING PITTSDALE! WHERE'S YOUR DAD'S FARM?
PITTSDALE POPULATION 1,101
SECONDS LATER, AS SUPERMAN FOLLOWS LOIS' DIRECTIONS...
DON'T TRY TO CHANGE THE SUBJECT, SUPERMAN! YOU KNOW I CAN'T EVEN LOOK AT ANOTHER MAN BECAUSE I'M MADLY IN LOVE WITH YOU!
WAIT, LOIS! SOMETHING'S WRONG WITH THAT TRACTOR! IT'S RUNNING OUT OF CONTROL! I'VE GOT TO INVESTIGATE!
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H-HELP!...I CAN'T STOP IT! THE CONTROLS ARE STUCK! HELP!
HMM...IT'S ABOUT TO TAKE A NOSE DIVE OFF THAT CLIFF!
CRASSH!

AS THE TRACTOR PLUNGES OFF THE CLIFF-EDGE...
WHOOSH!
GOT IT!

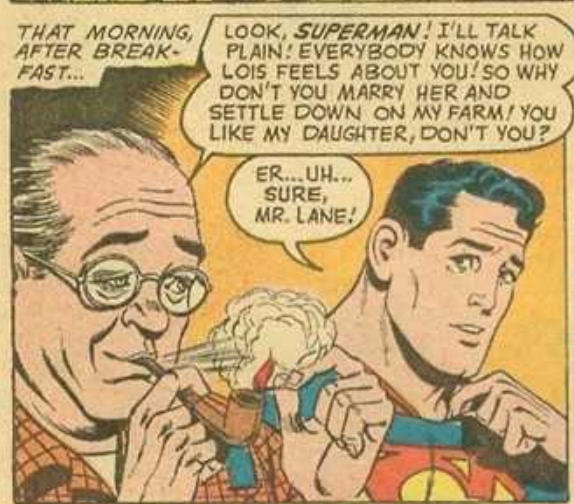
SOON, AS SUPERMAN PUTS THE RUNAWAY TRACTOR IN A SAFE PLACE...
GASP! SUPERMAN! IT'S MY DAD! Y-YOU SAVED HIS LIFE!
I'M MIGHTY GRATEFUL TO YOU, SUPERMAN! LOIS OFTEN WROTE HOW YOU RESCUED HER IN THE NICK OF TIME! NOW I UNDERSTAND WHY SHE'S SO FOND OF YOU!

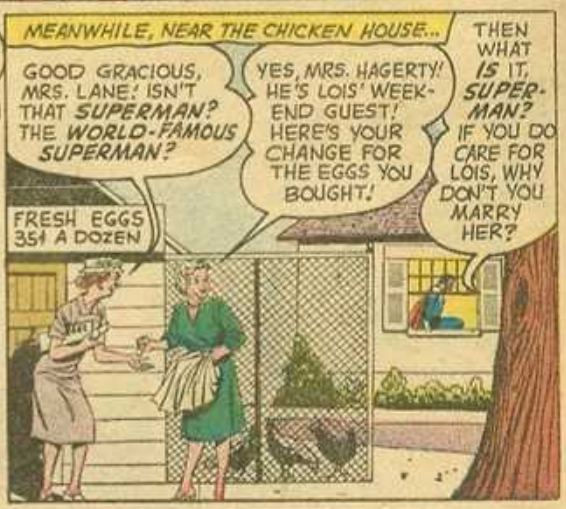
LATER, AT DINNER...
LOOK, SUPERMAN! LOIS TOLD ME SHE HAS TO LEAVE SUNDAY AFTERNOON! WHY DON'T YOU BE OUR GUEST FOR THE WEEK-END AND GO BACK TO METROPOLIS WITH HER?
SOUNDS GOOD! I'D BE HAPPY TO FLY HER BACK, BUT I MUST BE AT MY FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE A FEW MINUTES AFTER SIX ON SUNDAY! THE STARS WILL BE IN A CERTAIN POSITION, AND I MUST PHOTO-GRAPH THEM!

LATER, THAT EVENING...
HERE'S YOUR ROOM FOR THE WEEKEND, SUPERMAN! YOU CAN DUCK OUT ANY TIME YOU WANT TO PATROL METROPOLIS! JUST MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME!
THANKS, MR. LANE! YOU AND YOUR WIFE ARE TERRIFIC HOSTS!

THE FOLLOWING MORNING, AS MR. LANE WAKES UP...
JUMPING JEHOSOPHAT! SUPERMAN'S ATTACHED A SCYTHE TO EACH ARM AND IS CUTTING THE WHEAT IN MY WHEAT FIELD BY RUNNING THROUGH IT!
WHOOSH!

MOMENTS LATER, IN THE WOODS NEAR THE HOUSE...
N-NOW SUPERMAN'S CUTTING DOWN THE WOODS I'VE BEEN TRYING TO CLEAR ALL WEEK! H-HE JUST STICKS OUT HIS HAND AS HE RUNS ALONG AND... TIMBER... DOWN COME THE TREES AS IF THEY'VE BEEN BUZZ-SAWED! WHAT A SON-IN-LAW HE'D MAKE!
CRACK!
CRASHH!


THAT MORNING, AFTER BREAK-FAST...
LOOK, SUPERMAN! I'LL TALK PLAIN! EVERYBODY KNOWS HOW LOIS FEELS ABOUT YOU! SO WHY DON'T YOU MARRY HER AND SETTLE DOWN ON MY FARM! YOU LIKE MY DAUGHTER, DON'T YOU?
ER... UH... SURE, MR. LANE!


MEANWHILE, NEAR THE CHICKEN HOUSE...
GOOD GRACIOUS, MRS. LANE! ISN'T THAT SUPERMAN? THE WORLD-FAMOUS SUPERMAN?
YES, MRS. HAGERTY! HE'S LOIS' WEEK-END GUEST! HERE'S YOUR CHANGE FOR THE EGGS YOU BOUGHT!
FRESH EGGS 35¢ A DOZEN
THEN WHAT IS IT, SUPER-MAN? IF YOU DO CARE FOR LOIS, WHY DON'T YOU MARRY HER?

MOMENTS LATER, AS AWE-STRUCK MRS. HAGERTY PASSES BENEATH THE FARMHOUSE WINDOW...
LISTEN, MR. LANE! LOIS IS A WONDERFUL GIRL! SHE'D MAKE A FINE WIFE...
LAND SAKE'S! SUPER-MAN'S ASKING SAM LANE FOR LOIS' HAND IN MARRIAGE! T-THAT MUST BE WHY HE'S HERE! TO MARRY LOIS!

BUT MRS. HAGERTY RUSHES AWAY BEFORE SHE HEARS THE REST OF SUPERMAN'S REPLY...
... HOWEVER, I CAN'T MARRY LOIS! SHE'D NEVER BE SAFE FROM MY ENEMIES OR HAVE A HAPPY, NORMAL HOME LIFE, BECAUSE I'M MARRIED TO MY WORK... UPHOLDING LAW AND ORDER!
I UNDERSTAND, SUPERMAN! LET'S PRETEND THIS CONVER-SATION NEVER TOOK PLACE!

BUT AN HOUR LATER, THROUGHOUT PITTSDALE, A HUNDRED CONVERSATIONS TAKE PLACE!
THAT'S RIGHT, CLARA! I OVERHEARD SUPERMAN ASKING SAM LANE FOR PERMISSION TO MARRY LOIS!
YES, HIRAM! LOIS WILL MARRY SUPERMAN! AND YOU SAID SHE'D NEVER FIND A HUSBAND!
YEP! OLD MAID LOIS FINALLY MADE IT! SHE'S GETTING MARRIED ON SUNDAY!
PITTSDALE STAR? HERE'S THE SCOOP OF THE YEAR! SUPERMAN IS IN TOWN TO MARRY LOIS LANE!
SUPREME OIL
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THAT AFTERNOON, AS A SPECIAL EDITION OF THE PITTSDALE STAR IS DELIVERED TO THE FARM...
G-GREAT SCOTT, LOIS! LOOK AT THIS!
GASP!... I-I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT! MAYBE IT'S SOME KIND OF A JOKE!
SPECIAL PITTSDALE STAR
SUPERMAN TO WED LOIS LANE THIS SUNDAY! WEDDING TO BE HELD IN PITTSDALE!

BUT WHEN MA AND PA LANE SEE THE PAPER...
W-WELL, I'LL BE HORNSWOGGLED! SUPERMAN! YOU TOOK MY ADVICE AFTER ALL, AND PROPOSED TO LOIS!
B-BUT, MA...
OH, LOIS! I'M SO HAPPY FOR YOU I COULD CRY! I'LL CALL YOUR SISTER, LUCY, AT THE AIR BASE TO ATTEND THE WEDDING!

SUDDENLY...
HOORAY FOR SUPERMAN AND LOIS!
HOORAY FOR THE NEWLYWEDS!
LONG LIVE THE NEWLYWEDS
GASP! IT'S THE VILLAGE BAND AND THE SCHOOL BAND! A WHOLE PROCESSION OF TOWNSPEOPLE MARCHED OUT HERE TO CONGRATULATE US!
I'M SO HAPPY I COULD BUST! JUST WAIT AND SEE, SON! I'LL GIVE LOIS THE BIGGEST WEDDING IN PITTSDALE'S HISTORY!

FOLKS, YOU'RE ALL INVITED TO THE WEDDING! WE'LL HAVE IT HERE... RIGHT ON THESE GROUNDS... SUNDAY AFTERNOON!
B-BUT...
TUSH! DON'T SAY A WORD, LOIS! WE KNOW HOW HAPPY YOU ARE!

SHORTLY AFTER, AS THE LANES ENTERTAIN THE GAY CROWD...
ISN'T IT WONDERFUL, LOIS? AND YOU HAVE ME TO THANK FOR IT! I OVERHEARD SUPERMAN TELLING YOUR PA WHAT A FINE WIFE YOU'D MAKE... AND I TOLD EVERYBODY!
GASP!: SO THAT'S IT! SHE MIS-INTERPRETED MY MEANING!

PRESENTLY, AS SUPERMAN EXPLAINS MRS. HAGERTY'S MISTAKE TO LOIS...
GASP!: WHAT A MESS THAT GOSSIPY BUSY-BODY GOT US INTO! BUT I'LL GET US OUT OF IT, SUPERMAN! I'LL MAKE AN ANNOUNCEMENT NOW AND EXPLAIN THE ERROR!
NO, LOIS! DON'T! I COULDN'T JILT YOU... AND MAKE YOU AND YOUR FAMILY THE LAUGHING STOCK OF THIS TOWN!

BUT YOU CAN'T GO THROUGH WITH A WEDDING YOU DIDN'T ASK FOR! I DON'T WANT YOU TRAPPED INTO A MARRIAGE! I WOULDN'T BLAME YOU AT ALL FOR WALKING OUT RIGHT NOW!
THAT'S NOT THE WAY TO HANDLE IT, LOIS! BE PATIENT! SOMETHING WILL OCCUR TO ME! MEANWHILE, WE'LL GO ALONG WITH THE SITUATION!

THAT NIGHT AFTER SUPPER...
PA!
NOW THAT YOU'RE PRACTICALLY A MEMBER OF THE FAMILY, I CAN SHOW YOU LOIS' BABY PICTURES! WASN'T SHE A LITTLE CUTIE, DESPITE ALL HER BABY FAT?

IF YOU SHOW SUPERMAN ANOTHER PICTURE, I'LL NEVER SPEAK TO YOU AGAIN!
OKAY! OKAY! BUT I CAN'T UNDERSTAND SUCH TOUCHINESS! YOU TURNED OUT BEAUTIFUL ENOUGH FOR SUPERMAN TO WANT TO MARRY YOU!

LATER, AS ONE OF LOIS' CHILDHOOD SWEETHEARTS DROPS IN...
NOW THAT YOU'RE GETTING MARRIED, LOIS, I THOUGHT I'D RETURN YOUR LOVE-LETTERS AS A WEDDING GIFT! MAYBE YOU'D WANT TO SHOW THEM TO YOUR HUSBAND!
PSST! REALLY, SUPERMAN, HECTOR USED TO BE GOOD-LOOKING! AS FOR THOSE LETTERS I WROTE HIM, I'D GIVE ANYTHING TO SEE THEM DESTROYED!
AS SUPERMAN OBLIGINGLY CONCENTRATES THE HEAT OF HIS X-RAY VISION ON THE LETTERS...
Y-YOU'RE BURNING THEM? ALL THOSE BEAUTIFUL WORDS OF LOVE?
ALAS, HECTOR! THE ONLY WAY TO TREAT AN OLD FLAME'S LOVE LETTERS IS TO MAKE THEM CARRY THE TORCH FOR MY...ER... BURNING PASSION!
SHORTLY AFTER, UPSTAIRS...
I WAS SAVING THIS SIGHT FOR THE LAST! THIS WAS LOIS AND LUCY'S NURSERY! NOW IT'LL BE THE NURSERY FOR LOIS' BABIES! REMEMBER, SUPERMAN, I WANT LOTS OF GRANDCHILDREN!
OMIGOSH! HOW'S THIS THING GOING TO END? HOW'LL WE EVER GET OUT OF IT!
THE NEXT MORNING, AS THE WEDDING GIFTS POUR IN...
LOIS, THIS WEDDING CAKE WAS JUST FLOWN IN FROM YOUR NEWSPAPER FRIENDS! ISN'T IT BEAUTIFUL?
I- IT'S AWFUL! THE WHOLE WORLD BELIEVES WE'RE GETTING MARRIED! IF ONLY WE COULD THINK OF A GRACEFUL WAY OUT OF THIS MARRIAGE!
LATER THAT DAY AS CROWDS OF WELL-WISHERS ARRIVE...
I'M MISS PLUNKETT, LOIS' FORMER ENGLISH TEACHER! LOIS WAS MY BEST STUDENT! NOW THAT SHE'S GETTING MARRIED, I FEEL AS IF IT WERE I WHO WAS ENDING A LONG, LONELY LIFE AS AN OLD MAID!
I GULP! HOW DISAPPOINTED THE OLD DARLING WILL BE WHEN SHE LEARNS THAT I WON'T BE MARRIED, EITHER!
AND AS THE HECTIC DAY DRAWS TO A CLOSE...
NOW FOR YOUR DOWRY, SON! I'LL GIVE YOU AND LOIS FOUR COWS, SIX PIGS AND THAT CHICKEN HOUSE WHICH YOU CAN USE AS A HONEY-MOON COTTAGE!
THANKS, PA! IT'S A GREAT WEDDING GIFT!
WHAT A SPORT SUPERMAN IS! TO THANK DAD FOR HIS SIMPLE PRESENT WHEN HE COULD GET MILLIONS IN GOLD SIMPLY BY TUNNELING INTO THE EARTH FOR IT!

THAT EVENING, AS LOIS MODELS HER BRIDAL GOWN FOR SUPERMAN...
WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO, SUPERMAN? TOMORROW IS THE WEDDING! YET YOU'VE THOUGHT OF NOTHING TO GET US OUT OF IT! I'M ALL FOR NOT SHOWING UP!
NO, LOIS! AFTER A BUILD-UP LIKE THIS, WE'D BREAK EVERYBODY'S HEART JUST BY RUNNING AWAY! I'LL THINK OF A HAPPY SOLUTION YET!
BUT WHEN SUNDAY ARRIVES, WITH NO SIGN OF A SOLUTION...
SUPERMAN! I'VE BEEN LOOKING ALL OVER FOR YOU! DID YOU THINK OF ANYTHING YET?
ASIDE FROM MAKING A PHONE CALL...NO! IT ISN'T EASY TO GET OUT OF THIS MARRIAGE WITHOUT HURTING YOUR FOLKS! PLEASE BE PATIENT A LITTLE LONGER!
HOURS LATER, AS THE WEDDING CEREMONY BEGINS...
THIS W-WEDDING MUSTN'T TAKE PLACE! YET IT IS TAKING PLACE! SUPERMAN WON'T ADMIT IT... BUT HE CAN'T STOP IT! YET, IF THINGS WERE SO COMPLETELY HOPELESS, WHY DOES HE LOOK SO CALM!
AS THE MINUTES TICK AWAY...
IT'S FIVE M-MINUTES TO SIX! GASP! TIME IS RUNNING OUT! IN A FEW MINUTES IT'LL BE TOO LATE! WHY DOESN'T SUPERMAN DO SOMETHING? UNLESS, FOR ONCE, HE'S POWERLESS TO SAVE HIMSELF AND ME!
DO YOU, LOIS LANE, TAKE THIS MAN...
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WHAT ARE THOSE PLANES UP TO, LOIS? WE CAN'T HEAR THE PREACHER WITH ALL THAT NOISE!
IT'S THE PILOTS FROM THE AIR BASE, PA! THEY'RE BUZZING US TO HONOR SUPERMAN! THEY DON'T REALIZE THEIR JETS ARE DROWNING OUT THE CEREMONY!

RRRRRR
FA-451
STOP IT, YOU FOOLS! YOU'RE INTERFERING WITH THE WEDDING! GO AWAY! IT'S THREE MINUTES TO SIX! SUPERMAN AND LOIS MUST LEAVE AT SIX SHARP!
GOOD GRACIOUS! I-IF THEY KEEP THIS UP...THEY'LL PREVENT THE CEREMONY FROM TAKING PLACE! GASP!E W-WAIT! SUPERMAN! DID YOU...

RRRRRRRRR
YES, LOIS! REMEMBER THAT PHONE CALL I MADE? I CALLED YOUR SISTER, LUCY, AT THE AIR BASE! I TOLD HER ABOUT OUR PREDICAMENT...AND TO TIME THE BUZZING AT 5:55 P.M.! BUT I COULDN'T TELL YOU BEFORE THIS BECAUSE I DIDN'T KNOW IF LUCY COULD SWING IT!

AT THAT MOMENT, IN THE AIR BASE CONTROL TOWER...
OKAY, LT. BROWN! BUZZ 'EM NOW! NOW IT'S YOUR TURN, CAPTAIN HERRICK! PEEL OFF!
HA! HA! THE PILOTS REPORT THAT THE GUESTS ARE WAVING FURIOUSLY AT THEM! THEY INTERPRET IT AS CHEERS!--ONLY A MINUTE TO GO NOW!

SOON, ON THE STROKE OF 6 P.M....
TIME TO LEAVE, PA! I MUST FLY LOIS TO METROPOLIS--THEN HEAD FOR THE FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE!
B-BUT WHAT ABOUT THE WEDDING? WHEN WILL YOU RETURN?
MAYBE MY NEXT VACATION, PA! PUT THE OLD SHOES AND RICE IN COLD STORAGE TILL THEN! THANKS FOR EVERYTHING!

YOUR FOLKS MAY BE CONFUSED, LOIS! BUT AT LEAST WE DIDN'T DISGRACE THEM! AND PITTSDALE WILL BE LOOKING FORWARD TO OUR RETURN!
LET'S HOPE IT'S A RETURN WEDDING THAT SUPERMAN WANTS WITH NO LIMIT ON TIME OR HIS LOVE FOR ME! SIGH!E I CAN DREAM CAN'T I?
The End

MARRIAGE A LA MODE!

WHEN A CHINESE BRIDE RIDES A SEDAN TO HER WEDDING SHE WEARS A HAT OF PAPER WHILE HER OLDEST FEMALE RELATIVE HOLDS AN UMBRELLA OVER THE MALE MEMBERS OF HER FAMILY. THIS CURIOUS PRACTICE IS SUPPOSED TO MAKE THE BRIDE'S FIRST-BORN CHILD A MALE, TO CARRY ON THE FAMILY LINE...

IN SOUTHERN EUROPE, THE BRIDES-MAIDS STAND ON THE THRESHOLD OF THE BRIDE'S HOUSE AND PREVENT THE GROOM AND HIS MALE FRIENDS FROM ENTERING BY SHOWERING THEM WITH BALLS OF BOILED RICE. THE RICE BARRAGE CONTINUES UNTIL THE MEN OFFER THE GIRLS PRESENTS AS A "BRIBE" TO ENTER THE HOUSE...

AFTER A HINDU WEDDING, THE GUESTS SURROUND THE BRIDE AND GROOM AND YELL IN UNISON, "GOOD LUCK!" IN THE BELIEF THAT THE NOISE OF THE SHOUTED WORDS WILL SCARE AWAY ANY NEARBY EVIL SPIRITS THAT MIGHT TRY TO BLIGHT THE MARRIED COUPLE'S HAPPINESS...

IN ANCIENT BRITAIN, IT WAS CUSTOMARY FOR THE FATHER TO GIVE ONE OF HIS MARRIED DAUGHTER'S SHOES TO HIS NEW SON-IN-LAW TO SYMBOLIZE HIS TRANSFER OF AUTHORITY OVER HIS DAUGHTER. THE GROOM SIGNIFIED ACCEPTANCE OF HIS NEW RESPONSIBILITY BY GENTLY TAPPING HIS BRIDE ON THE HEAD WITH THE SHOE...

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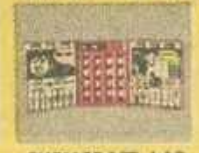
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LOIS LANE

OFTEN, IN ORDER TO GET A BIG STORY, LOIS LANE HAS BEEN COMPELLED TO PLAY A STRANGE ROLE! HEIRESS, MAID, FLIGHT STEWARDESS, MEDIUM... THESE ARE ONLY A FEW OF THE PARTS SHE HAS PLAYED IN THE PAST TO GET A SCOOP! BUT PROBABLY NO REPORTER IN HISTORY WAS EVER CALLED UPON TO ENACT THE ROLE GIRL REPORTER, LOIS LANE, ONE DAY MUST PERFORM... OR ELSE! FOR THE MOST DIFFICULT PART A WOMAN CAN PLAY IS HERSELF--AS LOIS LANE DISCOVERS WHEN SHE BECOMES...

ALIAS LOIS LANE!

NOW, SADIE, STUDY THIS NEXT SLIDE! WHO'S THE GAL WITH SUPERMAN?

IT'S ME, OF COURSE! BUT THESE CROOKS WHO WANT TO PASS ME OFF AS LOIS LANE MUST THINK I'M A DUMB DAME WHO DOESN'T KNOW THE RIGHT TIME!

ER... LET'S SEE! IS IT LANA LANG?

LANA LANG? ¡GROAN!E... OH, YOU DUMB BUNNY! THAT'S YOU! LOIS LANE! THE DOLL YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO IMPERSONATE!

ONE MORNING, AS LOIS LANE BREAKFASTS ON A HOTEL TERRACE AT A FAMOUS WESTERN RESORT...

A FRIEND IN HOLLYWOOD TIPPED ME OFF THAT HUCK BENSON, THE TV WESTERN STAR WHO JUST GOT MARRIED, IS HONEYMOONING INCOGNITO IN THIS TOWN!

IF I CAN GET THE FIRST, EXCLUSIVE PICTURE OF THE NEWLYWEDS, I'VE GOT A SCOOP! HOWEVER, BENSON KNOWS ME FROM PAST INTERVIEWS! BUT HE'LL NEVER RECOGNIZE SADIE BLODGETT, THE BLONDE BOMBSHELL FROM HAIR-DYE, U.S.A.!

PRESENTLY, AS "SADIE BLODGETT" OUTFITS HERSELF TO GO CELEBRITY HUNTING...
I'LL RINSE THE BLONDE DYE OUT OF MY HAIR AFTER I GET THE PICTURE! HMM... MUSTN'T FORGET TO LOAD MY SPECIAL PISTOL-CAMERA WITH FILM!
I GOT THIS "CAMERA-GUN" AS A GIFT... AND EVERY TIME I GET A PICTURE-SCOOP, I PUT A NOTCH IN IT! BUT BEFORE I GO OUT, I'LL TRY A "PRACTICE" SHOT AT THAT HOTEL SIGN!
CLICK!
EL RANCHO GRANDE HOTEL
SHORTLY, AS LOIS WALKS THROUGH TOWN...
EL GRANDE PROVING GROUNDS U.S. ARMY
OF COURSE, WHEN I ASKED FOR THIS ASSIGNMENT, I KNEW SUPERMAN WAS DUE TO APPEAR AT THE EL GRANDE PROVING GROUNDS THIS WEEKEND! THE POOR DEAR DOESN'T KNOW I INTEND TO DROP IN ON HIM!
A MINUTE LATER, AS LOIS EXTRACTS A COMPLETELY DEVELOPED PICTURE FROM THE "CAMERA"...
A PERFECT PHOTO! AFTER I "SHOOT" HUCK BENSON AND HIS BLUSHING BRIDE, I'LL WIRE THE SNAPSHOT TO THE PLANET AND SCOOP EVERY PAPER IN METROPOLIS! NOW TO TRACK DOWN THE HONEYMOONERS!
EL RANCHO GRANDE HOTEL
SUDDENLY, AS LOIS' HEEL CATCHES ON THE CURB...
OHHH... GASP!
KLUNK!
AS THE CONTENTS OF LOIS' PURSE SPILL OUT...
HEY, HAL! PUT DOWN YOUR PAPER AND GET A LOAD OF THAT BLONDE WHO JUST FELL!
SAY! SHE'S PICKING UP HER ROD! HOW ABOUT THAT? SHE PROBABLY INTENDS STICKING UP ONE OF THE GAMBLING CASINOS IN TOWN!
DAILY PLA
WESTERN EDITION

WHO'S INTERESTED IN HER GUN, STUPID? WHO DOES THIS PICTURE OF LOIS LANE LOOK LIKE IF I COVER UP HER BLACK HAIR?
GASP!E HOLY SMOKES! ... WITHOUT HER BLONDE HAIR, THAT BABE IS A DOUBLE FOR LOIS LANE! CHIPS!... ARE YOU THINKING WHAT I'M THINKING!
SUPERMAN KISSES GIRL REPORTER LOIS LANE AT DAILY PLANET CHARITY KISSING BOOTH!
THIS FITS IN PERFECTLY WITH OUR PLANS! LOIS LANE IS SUPERMAN'S GIRL FRIEND! SHE'S ONE OF THE FEW PERSONS WHO CAN GET CLOSE TO HIM WITHOUT SUPERMAN BECOMING SUSPICIOUS!
SMART BOY! NOW WE'LL MAKE THE PISTOL-PACKING MAMA AN OFFER SHE CAN'T TURN DOWN!
WAIT UP, SISTER! WE SAW YOU DROP THAT ROD! YOU'VE PROBABLY GOT A PRISON RECORD! SO IF YOU DON'T WANT US TO CALL THE COPS, GET INTO THE CAR!
GASP! THESE MEN!-- THEY'RE HAL BRENT AND CHIPS ROGAN, RING-LEADERS OF THE ANTI-SUPERMAN GANG! WHAT COULD THEY BE UP TO?
OKAY, WISE GUY! I PREFER RIDING TO WALKING, ANYWAY!
SOON, AS THE CAR SPEEDS THROUGH TOWN...
LOOK, SISTER! HOW'D YOU LIKE TO MAKE $5,000?
I GET IT NOW! THEY THINK I'M A GUN MOLL WHO CAN HELP THEM IN A CRIME THEY'RE PLANNING! I MUST LEAD THEM ON TO GET MORE INFORMATION!
FIVE GRAND IS A LOT OF DOUGH! WHO DO I HAVE TO MURDER?
CASI
NOBODY! ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS IMPERSONATE LOIS LANE, A GIRL REPORTER ON THE DAILY PLANET! HER HAIR IS BLACK! SO IF YOU DYE YOUR HAIR BLACK, YOU CAN PASS FOR HER TWIN!
EL GRANDE PROVING GROUNDS
MIGOSH! T-THEY'RE HIRING ME TO IMPERSONATE MYSELF! WHEN I TRIPPED ON THAT CURB, I REALLY STUMBLED INTO SOMETHING THAT MAY AFFECT MY LIFE! I MUST STICK CLOSE TO THESE HOODS!
LOIS LANE? NEVER HEARD OF HER! IS SHE AN ACTRESS OR SOMETHING?

BOY, YOU MUST BE THE ORIGINAL DUMB BLONDE! WE'LL HAVE TO REMAKE YOU FROM HEAD TO TOE! WHAT'S YOUR NAME, ANYWAY?
SADIE BLODGETT! GOSH... YOU GUYS MUST BE SMART OPERATORS TO AFFORD THIS JOINT! I'M SURE LUCKY I MET YOU!
AND I'M NOT KIDDING!

SHORTLY, INSIDE THE HOUSE...
YE GODS! EVERYBODY KNOWS SUPERMAN, EXCEPT THIS BIRDBRAIN!
WHO'S THAT GUY? YOU GOT HIS PICTURE HANGING ON EVERY WALL!
WE'RE... ER... GREAT FANS OF SUPERMAN, SADIE! NOW TAKE THIS BOTTLE OF HAIR DYE AND GO DYE YOUR HAIR BLACK!

PRESENTLY, AS LOIS CHANGES THE COLOR OF HER HAIR...
SOME SUPERMAN FANS! THEY'D KILL SUPERMAN IF THEY COULD! BUT I'VE GOT TO STRING ALONG WITH THEM AT ANY COST! BY PLAYING DUMB, I MIGHT TRICK THEM INTO REVEALING THEIR PLANS!

AN HOUR LATER...
HOLY SMOKES, CHIPS! LOOK AT HER NOW! SHE'S A TWIN OF LOIS LANE!
HMM... IT SURE IS WEIRD THAT ME AND HER SHOULD BE LOOK-ALIKES!
BUT YOU'RE NOT TALK-ALIKES! THE SECOND YOU OPEN YOUR BIG MOUTH, YOU'RE SADIE BLODGETT!

BUT WE CAN REMEDY THAT! THESE ARE NEWSREELS OF LOIS LANE, FILMED AT PUBLIC OCCASIONS! STUDY LOIS' SPEECH TILL YOU TALK LIKE HER!
WHAT A LAUGH-- THAT I MUST LEARN HOW TO SPEAK LIKE MYSELF! OKAY, CHUMS! I'LL BECOME THE MOST REMARKABLE MIMIC IN HISTORY!
DAILY PLANET GYM FOR BOYS

AND NOW, SUPERMAN, IN GRATITUDE FOR YOUR HELP IN RAISING FUNDS, THE PLANET AWARDS YOU THIS SPECIAL MEDAL!
GO ON, YOU DUMMY! IMITATE HER VOICE!
OKAY! AND NOW, SUPERMAN, IN GRATITUDE FOR YOUR HELP IN RAISING FUNDS...

HOURS LATER...
IT'S SLOW TORTURE, BUT YOU'RE GETTING THERE! NOW TO HELP YOU IMITATE LOIS' ACCENT, REPEAT THIS RHYME! "ALLAGOBOO! ALLAGAZAM! HAM AND CHEESE AND SUPERMAN!"
OH, BROTHER! THIS, TOO?
ALLAGABOO! ALLAGAZAM!—CHOKE!—... HAM AND CHEESE AND SUPERMAN!
FINALLY, NEAR MIDNIGHT...
I-I'VE WORN OUT MY TONSILS ON YOUR SPEECH DRILLS! I WANT TO GO HOME!
THIS IS YOUR HOME TILL YOUR JOB'S DONE, BABY! HAL, PICK UP SADIE'S LUGGAGE AT HER HOTEL! THEN TOMORROW MORNING, WE'LL TEACH HER HOW TO WALK AND DRESS LIKE LOIS LANE!
LATE THE FOLLOWING MORNING...
I BEEN WEARING OUT THE RUG SINCE DAWN! HOW ABOUT A REST?
NOT UNTIL YOU'VE IMITATED LOIS' WALK PERFECTLY! WATCH ME! TAKE A LONG, ATHLETIC STRIDE! CARRY YOUR PURSE GRACEFULLY! DON'T SWING IT! YOU'LL LOSE YOUR GUN AGAIN!
THAT AFTERNOON, IN TOWN..
THEY WANT ME TO SELECT CLOTHES LOIS LANE WOULD WEAR! HMM--IF I PICK MY USUAL CONSERVATIVE CLOTHING, I MIGHT SURPRISE THEM WITH MY SUDDEN INTELLIGENCE... AND AROUSE THEIR SUSPICIONS!
AS LOIS FINALLY SELECTS A WARDROBE...
YIPE! SHE GLITTERS LIKE A JEWELRY STORE!
NO, YOU NITWIT! NOT FLASHY CLOTHES! SPORT CLOTHES! SUITS! THAT'S WHAT LOIS... I MEAN ...ER... YOU SHOULD WEAR!
HERE! TAKE THESE! AND DON'T LET ME SEE YOU WALK OUT LIKE A CHRISTMAS TREE AGAIN!
HA! HA! I OVERDRESSED DELIBERATELY! I ENJOY WORRYING THESE HOODS! BUT I REALLY COULD MAKE THEIR LIVES MISERABLE IF I KNEW THEIR PLANS!

THAT NIGHT, AT THE GANGSTER'S HIDEOUT...
HERE ARE TWO DOZEN SCRAP BOOKS ON LOIS AND SUPERMAN! STUDY 'EM, TILL YOUR EYES POP! BUT DON'T MAKE ANY MISTAKES WHEN I TEST YOU TOMORROW!
YES, SLAVE-DRIVER!
HUH! I DON'T HAVE TO READ THIS STUFF! I KNOW ALL ABOUT SUPERMAN EXCEPT HIS SECRET IDENTITY!
ALBUM

THE FOLLOWING DAY, AS LOIS IS TESTED...
READING FROM LEFT TO RIGHT... THAT'S JIMMY OLSEN, PERRY WHITE, AND KRYPTO, SUPERBOY'S DOG!
GOOD! THE NEXT SLIDE WILL TEST WHETHER YOU CAN THINK WITH LOIS LANE'S MIND... AND REACT TO SITUATIONS THE WAY SHE WOULD!

GASP! I-IT'S LANA LANG! WHERE DOES THAT HUSSY GET THE NERVE TO GIVE SUPERMAN A PICTURE OF HERSELF FOR ST. VALENTINE'S DAY?
To Superman the Man I Love! Will you be my Valentine
Lana Lang
OKAY, SADIE! PRETEND YOU'RE LOIS NOW! YOU WALK INTO THE ROOM AND SEE SUPERMAN ADMIRING THIS LIFE-SIZE PICTURE HE RECEIVED AS A VALENTINE! WHAT WOULD LOIS DO?

NOTHING! LANA LANG'S NO COMPETITION FOR LOIS LANE! LOIS WOULD LAUGH IT OFF!
NO, YOU NITWIT! NO! LOIS WOULD PICK UP A BOTTLE OF INK AND HEAVE IT AT THE PICTURE! LIKE THIS!
HMM! WHY SHOULD I LET ANYONE THINK I'M JEALOUS OF LANA?

SPLAT!
YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT LOIS LANE! LOIS IS MADLY JEALOUS OF HER RIVAL, LANG LANG! SHE'D CLAW THE EYES OUT OF ANY GIRL WHO EVEN LOOKED TWICE AT SUPERMAN!
THAT'S NOT TRUE! LOIS WOULD NEVER MAKE A SCENE LIKE THAT! SHE'S A LADY!

LOIS LANE... A LADY? WHEN EVERYONE KNOWS SHE'S A JEALOUS CAT? THAT PROVES YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT HER! THE DEAL'S OFF! YOU COULDN'T IMPERSONATE LOIS LANE IN A MILLION YEARS!
GOOD GRIEF! I'VE GOOFED! THEY DON'T TRUST MY "ACTING" ANY MORE!

HEY, CHIPS! LOOK! THERE GOES SUPERMAN NOW, FLYING TOWARD THE EL GRANDE PROVING GROUNDS! HE'S ARRIVED FOR HIS WEEKEND ASSIGNMENT!
SUPERMAN! HMM... I KNOW A TRICK THAT WORKED ONCE BEFORE! I MUST CONVINCE THESE CROOKS THAT I CAN PLAY THE PART OF LOIS LANE!
ONLY BY BEING "IN" ON THEIR PLANS CAN I PREVENT THE CRIME THEY'RE PLANNING... AND GET THE STORY OF THE YEAR!
WHERE'S SUPERMAN? WHERE IS HE? OHH...; GASP!E HELP!
CHIPS! G-GRAB HER! G-SHE'S FALLING!
HOLY CATS! S-SH'E LEANED TOO FAR OUT OF THE WINDOW! SHE'S A GONER!
HELP, SUPERMAN! HELP!
SUPERMAN CAN EASILY HEAR ME WITH HIS SUPER-HEARING... AND CAN RESCUE ME BEFORE I HIT THE GROUND... I-I HOPE!
A SECOND LATER, AS LOIS' HOPE COMES TRUE...
; GASP!E HOW DO YOU LIKE THAT FOR LUCK? SUPERMAN SPOTTED HER IN TIME AND SAVED HER!
WHAT'S GOING ON, LOIS? WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN EL GRANDE?
I CAN'T EXPLAIN EVERYTHING NOW! JUST PUT ME BACK ON THE CLIFF!
A MINUTE LATER, AS THE CROOKS KEEP OUT OF SIGHT, BUT NOT OUT OF EAR-SHOT...
DUCK, YOU DUMMY! SUPERMAN WILL RECOGNIZE US ON SIGHT!
NOW TO SHOW THOSE HOODS THAT "SADIE BLODGETT" CAN GIVE AN ACADEMY AWARD WINNING PERFORMANCE AS LOIS LANE!
ER... SUPERMAN! WHEN YOU RETURN TO METROPOLIS, GIVE CLARK KENT MY REGARDS! TELL PERRY WHITE THE HUCK BENSON ASSIGNMENT IS GOING VERY WELL!
WILL DO, LOIS! IT WAS GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN!
...; GASP!E... SHE DID IT!
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SHORTLY, AS SUPERMAN FLIES OFF...
SHE DID IT! SHE DID IT!
I DID WHAT? WHAT ARE YOU GUYS TALKING ABOUT!
YOU FOOLED SUPERMAN! YOU WERE TERRIFIC! OUR SCHEME WILL WORK! I CAN'T WAIT TILL TOMORROW! OH, SHE DID IT! SHE DID IT!
THAT NIGHT, IN THE CELLAR OF THE HOUSE...
CAREFUL! SUPERMAN MUSTN'T SUSPECT THERE'S KRYPTONITE INSIDE THIS LEAD-ENCASED CAMERA!
RIGHT! ONLY AFTER SADIE OPENS THE LEAD SHUTTER AND THE KRYPTONITE RAYS POUR OUT, WILL SUPERMAN KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON! BUT THEN IT'LL BE TOO LATE!
THE FOLLOWING MORNING...
LET'S REHEARSE WHAT I TOLD YOU AT THE HOUSE!
EL GRANDE PROVING GROUNDS U.S. ARMY
OKAY! WHEN SUPERMAN RETURNS FROM HIS SECRET MISSION, I ASK HIM TO POSE! THEN I SNAP HIS PICTURE!
PERFECT! NOW GO TO WORK!
AN HOUR LATER, AS LOIS MEETS SUPERMAN INSIDE A DESERTED HANGAR...
YOU WANT TO TAKE MY PICTURE? SURE, LOIS! FOR YOU, ANYTIME!
THANKS, SUPERMAN!
CLICK!
HA! HA! SUPERMAN WON'T EVEN SEE THE GREEN KRYPTONITE RAYS STREAM OUT! THE CAMERA HAS A FILTER THAT STRAINS OUT COLOR!
SUDDENLY, AS SUPERMAN POSES...
GASP! S-SOMETHING'S WRONG! I FEEL DIZZY AND WEAK! I CAN'T SEE!...OH... I'M F-FAINTING...
THE KRYPTONITE'S GOT HIM! HE'S POWERLESS TO STOP US FROM TAKING THAT BOX! KEEP TRAINING THAT CAMERA ON HIM, SADIE! HE'LL SOON PASS OUT AND WE'LL HAVE A MILLION BUCKS!
BUT AS THE THIEVES REACH FOR THE BOX, SUPERMAN SUDDENLY COMES TO LIFE!
SORRY, BOYS! TO PLAY IT SAFE, WHEN I FIRST ARRIVED, I MELTED AND FUSED THE SHUTTER WITH MY X-RAY VISION! THAT SHUTTER NEVER OPENED TO EMIT THE RAYS!
BUT WHAT TIPPED YOU OFF?

YOU SEE, CHIPS, WHEN I RESCUED LOIS NEAR YOUR HOUSE SHE TOOK A FEW SECONDS TO WARN ME SHE WAS SPYING ON TWO ANTI-SUPERMAN GANG MEMBERS! SO I PRETENDED TO BE KNOCKED OUT BY KRYPTONITE TO CATCH YOU IN THE ACT OF STEALING THAT BOX!
L-LOIS? WHO'S LOIS? THIS DAME IS SADIE BLODGETT, A FEMALE CROOK!
THAT'S WHERE THE LAUGH IS ON YOU, CHIPS! I'M THE REAL LOIS LANE! I HAD DYED MY HAIR BLONDE TO DECEIVE SOMEONE ELSE, BUT YOU WERE TAKEN IN FIRST! HOLD IT, BOYS! YOU'RE MY SCOOP!
IDIOT! MORON! YOU TRAINED LOIS LANE TO PLAY HERSELF!
CLICK!

PRESENTLY, AS THE TWO HOODS ARE TURNED OVER TO THE POLICE...
NOW LOIS, MAYBE YOU'D LIKE TO SEE WHAT WAS INSIDE THE BOX THAT WOULD HAVE NETTED CHIPS ROGAN A MILLION DOLLARS!
GASP!! A MOUSE! I-I DON'T GET IT, SUPERMAN! ALL THAT TROUBLE TO STEAL A MOUSE THAT ISN'T WORTH TEN CENTS?
NO, LOIS! SOMEHOW CHIPS FOUND OUT MY SECRET JOB WAS TO RECOVER THIS MOUSE FROM A MOON MISSILE! AS THE FIRST ANIMAL EVER BROUGHT BACK ALIVE FROM A MOON TRIP, CHIPS KNEW THE MOUSE WOULD BE WORTH MILLIONS IN LABORATORY TESTING VALUE, TO AMERICA'S ENEMIES!
The End
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COMING SUPER-ATTRACTIONS...
ACTION COMICS
NOVEMBER
ON SALE SEPT. 29th
SUPERMAN BATTLES A SUPER-OUTLAW in...
"The Menace of COSMIC MAN!"
Also: "SUPERMAN PUNISHES SUPERGIRL!"
Extra: CONGORILLA, THE AMAZING MAN-APE!
SUPERMAN
NOVEMBER
NOW ON SALE
Here is the story thousands have been waiting for!
"SUPERMAN JOINS the ARMY!"
Plus another great UNTOLD story...
"HOW PERRY WHITE HIRED CLARK KENT!"
Adventure
COMICS
NOVEMBER
ON SALE SEPT. 29th
SUPER-DOG CHALLENGES SUPERBOY in...
"The SUPER-PRANKS of KRYPTO!"
Also: "AQUAMAN MEETS AQUA-GIRL!"
And a Surprise GREEN ARROW Story!
SUPERMAN
DC

Dear Editor:

In the story, "Lois Lane's Super-Perfume," Lois acquires a certain perfume which is supposed to make all who sniff it fall in love with her—including SUPERMAN. How is it possible for the perfume to affect the Man of Steel if he is invulnerable to everything except Kryptonite?

Andrew Scallet, Clayton, Mo.

(You're right. Lois was a scatterbrain for assuming the perfume could kayo mighty SUPERMAN. And you'll note that the story showed that the Man of Steel was immune to the romantic powers of the perfume.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

In the Lois Lane yarn, "The Crybaby of Metropolis," Lana Lang mentions that her sister is visiting with her. What sister? Who is she? Why haven't we ever seen her in SUPERBOY COMICS? You'd better produce Lana's sister, or else!

Charlotte Chambers, Augusta, Ga.

(Of course Lana has a sister. (And a brother, too!) We'll be clearing up the sister-mystery in a future issue of SUPERBOY.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

In a recent issue you had Lois Lane singing with the famous Pat Boone. How could she, when Pat Boone is married? Boy, you guys must be mad.

David G. Yas, Wiesbaden, Germany.

(So how come Bing Crosby sings with Debbie Reynolds—and Bing is married!—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

Now that you've given us stories featuring Lois Lane with Pat Boone and Ralph Edwards, how about a yarn in which Lois goes "ape" over Ricky Nelson?

Bob Wallace, San Francisco, Calif.

(Don't you think Ricky is just a trifle too young for our favorite heroine? You don't want Lois to rob the cradle, do you?—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

In the story, "The Crybaby of Metropolis," you show SUPERMAN using super-mathematics to find the number of beans in a jar. However, he made a super boo-boo because 20 x 16 x 10 equals 3,200, NOT 32,000!

Donald Schlesinger, New York, N. Y.

(Don't blame SUPERMAN's arithmetic—the guilt belongs to our letterer, who inadvertently added an extra cipher to the grand total. Several other alert readers spotted this error, among them: Gene & Joan Barry, Chicago, Ill.; Matthew Pinkus, Mohegan Lake, N. Y.; James Periconi, Bronx, N. Y.; Karen Baker, Cashocton, Ohio; Bill Roberts, Eugene, Oregon; Michael Beltrami, Queens, N. Y.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

I hate to disagree with the majority of your readers, but I don't think Lois Lane would do as SUPERMAN's wife. She is too common. What I mean is that since SUPERMAN is not an ordinary man, he deserves a wife who isn't ordinary.

Hilary Dole, Santa Barbara, Calif.

(We hate to disagree with you, but we don't think Lois Lane is ordinary. She's a combination saint, sinner, imp, imbecile, smartypants, snob, Samaritan and what have you?—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

Boy, have I caught you in a goof! In the story, "The Crybaby of Metropolis," as a result of being exposed to the "Youth Ray" machine, Lois keeps getting younger and younger in each successive sequence. Then how come when she goes into the safe wearing a yellow dress she comes out as a baby, wearing diapers? Where did she get the diapers?

Barbara Vitagliano, Whitestone, N. Y.

(At an infants' wear store, of course.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

I assume all Lois Lane fans read the story you published in a recent issue of SUPERMAN COMICS, "Superman's Future Wife." In this story Lois Lane was able to look into the future and was able to peek in on the married life of the Man of Steel. Although the story was extremely clever in that we were never able to see the face of SUPERMANS's future bride, we were able to see that he had children, etc. My question is: does this story mean that someday SUPERMAN will get married?

Evelyn Pace, Rochester, N. Y.

(Yes. But we still don't know who the lucky lass will be.—Ed.)

BONNY

GEE! THIS MUFFLER IS GOING FASTER THAN I THOUGHT IT WOULD! MAYBE I OUGHT TO MAKE A SWEATER OUT OF IT INSTEAD!
HELLO...LEOPOLD? I HAVE A SURPRISE FOR YOU! CAN YOU COME RIGHT OVER?
SOON-
GEE, BONNY! THIS SWEATER SURE IS A SWELL SURPRISE!
ER--I'M AFRAID IT'S A LITTLE ROOMY! MAYBE IF I UNRAVEL SOME OF IT...
OH, DEAR! NOW IT'S TOO SMALL!
AH! I HAVE THE PERFECT SOLUTION!
THERE! I HOPE YOU ENJOY WEARING YOUR NEW MUFFLER, LEOPOLD!
THE END

SUPERMAN'S GIRL FRIEND
LOIS LANE
WHY IS LOIS WEARING THAT METAL BOX OVER HER HEAD? WHY IS SHE TRYING TO HIDE HER FACE?
EVERYONE KNOWS HOW LOIS LANE'S INQUISITIVE NOSE FOR NEWS HAS OFTEN POKED INTO THINGS! TIME AND AGAIN SUPERMAN HAS WARNED HER THAT SHE IS AS CURIOUS AS A CAT--AND THAT ONE DAY HER CURIOUSITY WOULD GET HER INTO SUCH TROUBLE THAT NOT EVEN HE COULD HELP HER OUT OF IT! WELL--IT FINALLY HAPPENS--AND BECAUSE OF IT, EVEN SUPERMAN MUST LOOK ON AND WONDER WHAT 'IS...
"THE SHOCKING SECRET OF LOIS LANE!"

ONE DAY, AS SUPERMAN FLIES OUTSIDE METROPOLIS, HE SUDDENLY SEES AN IMPENDING CATASTROPHE...
HE-ELP!
GREAT SCOTT! THAT LOGGING CAR HAS JUMPED THE TRACK--AND IT'S BEARING DOWN ON LOIS!

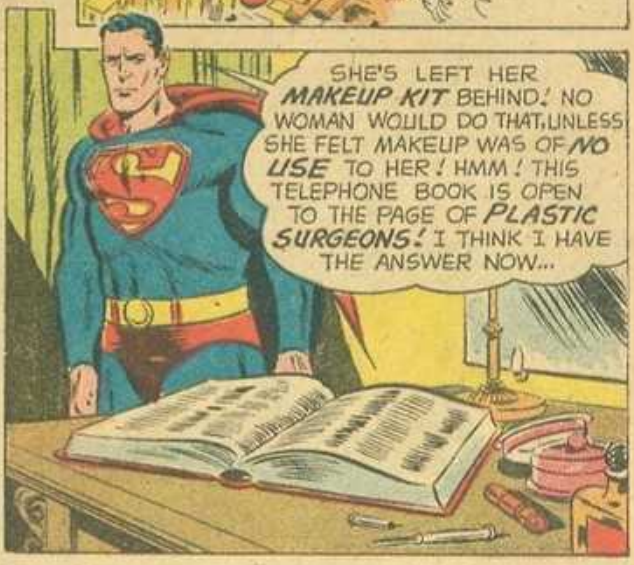
INSTANTLY, SUPERMAN FLASHES DOWN, AND WITH ONE MIGHTY BLOW SPLITS THE LOGS INTO A PILE OF KINDLING!
OH, SUPERMAN--THANKS! GOSH--I WAS SNOOPING AROUND THE LOGGING CAMP BECAUSE I HEARD A RUMOR THAT IT WAS A HIDEOUT FOR CROOKS--WHEN THIS HAPPENED!
YOU AND YOUR CURIOSITY AGAIN, GETTING YOU INTO A JAM, AS USUAL!
CRASH!

THE NEXT DAY, AS SUPERMAN PATROLS THE CITY'S SUBURBS...
GREAT SCOTT! THAT'S LOIS' CAR--WRECKED FROM A CRASH! I'D BETTER GET TO THE DAILY PLANET TO FIND OUT IF SHE'S BEEN HURT!
LATER, AT THE DAILY PLANET OFFICE, AFTER SUPERMAN SWITCHES TO HIS SECRET IDENTITY AS MEEK REPORTER CLARK KENT...
HELLO, CLARK! LOIS JUST PHONED! SHE GOT CURIOUS ABOUT A SEDAN SHE THOUGHT WAS BEING DRIVEN BY A WANTED CRIMINAL AND IN PURSUING IT, SKIDDED INTO A TREE! SHE WAS UNHURT--BUT I TOLD HER TO REST A FEW DAYS!
LOIS' CURIOSITY--IT'S ALWAYS BRINGING HER TROUBLE!
THE FOLLOWING DAY, INTO THE DAILY PLANET WALKS A BIZARRE FIGURE...
HOLY SMOKE! A GIRL--WEARING A CRAZY BOX ON HER HEAD!
W-WHAT IS THIS--SOME KIND OF PUBLICITY STUNT? WHO ARE YOU?
IT--IT'S ME--LOIS LANE!
LOIS?
GREAT CAESAR'S GHOST! WHAT'S THE IDEA, LOIS? TAKE THAT SILLY GADGET OFF YOUR HEAD!
I-I'M AFRAID I CAN'T EVER DO THAT, PERRY! ;SOB; I-I ONLY CAME HERE TO SAY GOOD-BYE! ;SOB; I MUST QUIT MY JOB AND GO AWAY!
INSTANTLY, CLARK TRIES TO PENETRATE THE MYSTERIOUS BOX WITH HIS X-RAY VISION, BUT...
IT'S LINED WITH LEAD--WHICH MEANS LOIS MADE SURE NOT EVEN SUPERMAN COULD SEE THROUGH IT! BUT WHY?--WHY IS LOIS HIDING HER FACE?

LOIS, WAIT -- TELL US WHAT'S WRONG! WE WANT TO HELP...
THANKS -- BUT IT'S NO USE! ;SOB; I - I WISH I COULD KISS YOU ALL GOOD-BYE -- BUT THIS BOX MAKES THAT IMPOSSIBLE! ;SOB;

AS LOIS LEAVES, CLARK ENTERS HIS PRIVATE OFFICE TO CHANGE TO HIS MORE DYNAMIC IDENTITY...
I THOUGHT AT FIRST THAT THE GIRL MIGHT BE AN IMPOSTOR -- BUT SHE REALLY IS LOIS! I RECOGNIZED LOIS' EYES THROUGH THE BOX'S EYE-SLIT! I'LL GO TO LOIS' APARTMENT! I MAY FIND A CLUE TO HER MYSTERIOUS ACTIONS THERE!

SOON AFTER, IN LOIS' ROOMING HOUSE, SUPERMAN FINDS HIS FIRST CLUE...
HMM! HERE'S A RECEIPT -- OBVIOUSLY FROM THE WELDER WHO CONSTRUCTED THAT METAL BOX FOR LOIS!
METROPOLIS WELDING COMPANY
ONE ALUMINUM BOX LINED WITH LEAD
$25.00


SHE'S LEFT HER MAKEUP KIT BEHIND! NO WOMAN WOULD DO THAT, UNLESS SHE FELT MAKEUP WAS OF NO USE TO HER! HMM! THIS TELEPHONE BOOK IS OPEN TO THE PAGE OF PLASTIC SURGEONS! I THINK I HAVE THE ANSWER NOW...

THE AUTO CRACKUP MUST HAVE SCARRED LOIS' FACE SO BADLY, SHE'S HIDING IT UNTIL AFTER FACIAL SURGERY! BUT THAT WELDER MUST HAVE SEEN LOIS' FACE! HE'LL KNOW HOW MUCH SHE WAS DISFIGURED!
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BUT, AT THE WELDER'S SHOP...
THANKS FOR MAKING IT EASIER FOR ME TO WELD THAT CRACKED AXLE, SUPERMAN! WE-ELL, AS I WAS SAYING BEFORE, I COULDN'T SEE MISS LANE'S FACE! HER HEAD WAS WRAPPED IN BANDAGES LIKE A MUMMY!
"BANDAGES"! SO I WAS RIGHT ABOUT THE AUTO ACCIDENT!

SOON, A WORRIED SUPERMAN RETURNS TO LOIS' APARTMENT...
MY SUPER-SENSITIVE HANDS MIGHT PERFORM PLASTIC SURGERY FOR LOIS -- IF I CAN FIND HER! HMM! LOIS' DIARY -- IT MIGHT TELL ME WHERE SHE'S GONE...
OPENING LOIS' DIARY, SUPERMAN BEGINS TO READ...
"I'D INTENDED TO REST AFTER THE AUTO CRASH, BUT INSTEAD I WENT TO SEE A VAUDEVILLE SHOW FEATURING A WOMAN WHO BILLED HERSELF AS A SORCERESS..."
I AM THE SORCERESS WHO TURNED ULYSSES' SAILORS INTO SWINE! I COME FROM THE PAST TO SHOW YOU MY AWESOME POWERS! I AM CIRCE!
IS SHE KIDDING? CIRCE'S ONLY A CHARACTER IN MYTHOLOGY!
"I WATCHED THE SO-CALLED CIRCE GO THROUGH HER ACT..."
SHE DOESN'T FOOL ME! I'LL HIDE IN THE THEATER UNTIL IT CLOSES -- THEN SNOOP AROUND BACKSTAGE FOR THE PROOF THAT SHE'S A FAKE!
BEHOLD! THE POWER OF MY HANDS MAKES THAT PIANO RISE INTO THE AIR!
"AND THAT IS JUST WHAT I DID...
HMPH! THE PIANO IS MADE OF METAL -- AND AN ELECTRO-MAGNET BEHIND THE WINGS REALLY LIFTED IT INTO THE AIR! OH, WILL I HAVE FUN EXPOSING THAT FAKER!
WAIT! I RECOGNIZE YOU! YOU'RE LOIS LANE, THE REPORTER! PLEASE, MISS LANE -- LET'S TALK THIS OVER IN MY DRESSING ROOM!
"FIGURING I MIGHT LEARN MORE ABOUT HER ACT, I AGREED..."
IT'S SO WARM TODAY -- LET'S HAVE A COOL LEMONADE WHILE WE TALK!
"I DRANK THE LEMONADE -- WHEN SUDDENLY MY EYES BLURRED -- AND THEN I HEARD HER LAUGH..."
HA, HA! YOU DRANK A MAGIC POTION THAT WILL WORK MY SPELL UPON YOU! BECAUSE YOU HAVE THE CURIOSITY OF A CAT, TOMORROW, WHEN YOU LEAVE YOUR HOUSE -- YOU WILL HAVE THE FACE OF A CAT!

"NATURALLY, I LAUGHED OFF HER THREAT, BUT THE NEXT MORNING, AS I LEFT MY APARTMENT AND GREETED MY LANDLADY..."
GOOD MORNING, MRS. KRAUS! WHY--WHAT'S THE MATTER?
OHHH-- YOUR FACE--!!
"ABRUPTLY, SHE DASHED INTO HER APARTMENT-- SO I WENT OUT, PUZZLED--AND MET A NEIGHBOR'S LITTLE BOY..."
UGHH! G-GOLLY...!!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH FREDDY? HE'S GOT THE SAME HORRIFIED LOOK MRS. KRAUS HAD!
"IT WAS ONLY WHEN I ENTERED THE NEARBY PARK-- AND SAW MY REFLECTION IN THE LAKE--THAT I UNDERSTOOD THEIR HORROR!"
OHHH! MY FACE-- IT'S CHANGED-- CHANGED TO THE FACE OF A CAT!
CIRCE--SHE DID THIS TO ME! SHE'S NO FAKE--SHE REALLY IS THE ANCIENT SORCERESS! OHH! I MUST GO TO HER-- PLEAD WITH HER TO TAKE THIS AWFUL SPELL OFF ME!
"LUCKILY, BECAUSE OF MY AUTO ACCIDENT, I HAD SOME BANDAGE IN MY PURSE..."
I NEVER NEEDED THIS BANDAGE FOR THE SLIGHT CUT I GOT ON MY LEG--BUT I NEED IT NOW TO HIDE MY FACE FROM PEOPLE'S EYES AS I WALK TO THE THEATER!
"BUT AT THE THEATER..."
CIRCE? SHE LEFT-- NOBODY KNOWS WHERE SHE IS! IT'S ALMOST AS IF SHE'S DISAPPEARED!
"DISAPPEARED"? YES--THAT'S IT! CIRCE MUST HAVE GONE BACK INTO THE PAST! NOW I'M DOOMED TO WEAR THIS CAT-FACE FOREVER!
STAGE DOOR
"I WANDERED OFF, DAZED WITH SHOCK, AND HAPPENED TO PASS A CIRCUS WITH ITS SIDESHOW..."
HEY, PA--LOOK AT THE BEARDED LADY! HAW! HAW!
IF PEOPLE SAW MY FACE, THEY'D LAUGH AT ME, TOO! I'M A FREAK LIKE HER NOW!
SHOW

"THAT THOUGHT SUDDENLY MADE ME REALIZE A TERRIBLE TRUTH..."

I CAN NEVER GO BACK TO THE NORMAL WORLD I ONCE KNEW--NOT WITH MY FREAKISH FACE! SOB! AND I COULD NEVER BE SUPERMAN'S GIRL FRIEND AGAIN...

"I KNEW THAT THOUGH SUPERMAN WOULD TRY NOT TO SHOW IT, HE'D BE REPELLED BY MY FACE..."

HE'S AVERTING HIS EYES! HE CAN'T LOOK AT MY FACE!

"I KNEW THAT I COULD NEVER HOPE TO MARRY SUPERMAN--THAT ONE DAY I'D LOSE HIM TO MY RIVAL..."

SUPERMAN--MARRIED TO LANA LANG! SOB!

"THEN I KNEW WHAT I HAD TO DO..."

I'LL GET A BOX MADE TO COVER MY HEAD--AND THEN I'LL GO AWAY. TO MY ISOLATED SUMMER COTTAGE IN THE MOUNTAINS, WHERE NO ONE WILL SEE ME REMOVE THE BOX WHEN I EAT!

METAL WO
WELDIN

HERE LOIS' DIARY ENDS...

POOR LOIS! WHAT A TERRIBLE FATE! YET, I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT PERFORMER REALLY IS CIRCE! I THINK I'LL CHECK THE CONTENTS OF THAT LEMONADE GLASS SHE GAVE LOIS...

DIARY

SOON, AT THE THEATER, SUPERMAN'S MICROSCOPIC VISION EXAMINES THE RESIDUE AT THE BOTTOM OF THE GLASS...

HMM! THAT LEMONADE CONTAINED A MILD DRUG! I WONDER...? HMM! I'VE AN IDEA--BUT FIRST I'LL BRIEF THE STAFF AT THE DAILY PLANET!

SOMETIME LATER...

SUPERMAN! H-HOW DID YOU KNOW I CAME HERE?

I READ YOUR DIARY! LOIS! I KNOW YOUR SECRET NOW! BUT, LOIS, YOU MUST RETURN TO THE PLANET TO DO ONE MORE STORY FOR PERRY BEFORE YOU RETURN...

THE GOVERNMENT IS READYING A WOMAN TO BE A SPACE PILOT-- AND OF ALL REPORTERS, THEY CHOSE YOU TO INTERVIEW HER!
ME? WOW! THAT'S THE STORY OF THE YEAR! I-I GUESS I CAN'T REFUSE THE GOVERNMENT. CAN I?
LATER, AT A LAUNCHING SITE.
JUNO NO. 1
WELL, PERRY-- WHERE'S THE WOMAN I'M TO INTERVIEW?
LOIS--WE KNEW NO REPORTER COULD RESIST AN EXCLUSIVE--SO WE LURED YOU BACK WITH A FAKE STORY SO YOU'D BE BACK AMONG YOUR FRIENDS WHO WANT TO HELP YOU...
BEFORE LOIS CAN PROTEST, SUPERMAN SUDDENLY HURLS TWO DRILL-SAWS WITH SUCH ACCURACY AND SPEED--THAT THEY SLICE RIGHT THROUGH THE SIDES OF THE METAL BOX!
I HAVE TO DO THIS--TO SEE IF MY HUNCH IS RIGHT!
OH, SUPERMAN--HOW COULD YOU HUMILIATE ME LIKE THIS? SO YOU ALL WANT TO SEE MY FACE--WELL, THEN--LOOK! TAKE A GOOD LOOK!
B-BUT LOIS, YOUR FACE-- IT HASN'T CHANGED! IT'S THE SAME AS IT ALWAYS WAS!
DON'T TRY TO BE KIND! I KNOW THE TRUTH! SOB! ALL I NEED DO IS SEE MY REFLECTION--AS I'M SEEING IT NOW--TO KNOW I HAVE THE FACE OF A CAT! SOB!
I DON'T UNDERSTAND, SUPERMAN! LOIS DOESN'T HAVE THE FACE OF A CAT!
TRUE, JIMMY SHE ONLY THINKS SHE HAS! I GUESSED THAT WHEN I FOUND TRACES OF A DRUG IN THE LEMONADE! "CIRCE" PUT IT IN TO DULL LOIS' SENSES!--SO SHE COULD PUT LOIS UNDER POST-HYPNOSIS AND MAKE LOIS THINK SHE'D BECOME A CAT!

SUDDENLY, SNAPPING HIS FINGERS AS LOUDLY AS GUN-SHOTS, SUPERMAN BARKS A COMMAND AT LOIS...
LOIS LANE--WAKE UP! YOU NO LONGER HAVE THE FACE OF A CAT!
HUHH... W-WHAT...??
CRACK
CRACK!
THE POST-HYPNOTIC SPELL BROKEN, LOIS IS HERSELF AGAIN AS SUPERMAN EXPLAINS..
EVERYBODY KNOWS MAGICIANS USE TRICKS--BUT IT'S FUN BEING FOOLED! CIRCE FELT YOU HAD NO RIGHT TO SNOOP AROUND AND TRY TO RUIN HER ACT--SO SHE USED POST-HYPNOSIS ON YOU TO TEACH YOU A LESSON!
OH--AND SHE PROBABLY LEFT HURRIEDLY ONLY BECAUSE SHE HAD TO PLAY AN ENGAGEMENT ELSEWHERE! BUT IF I NEVER HAD A CAT'S FACE, WHY WERE FREDDY AND MY LANDLADY HORRIFIED?
LATER, UPON QUESTIONING FREDDY, LOIS GETS THE ANSWER...
GOSH, MISS LANE, I WAS LOOKING PAST YOUR FACE AT THAT POSTER FOR A NEW HORROR MOVIE! THAT'S WHAT SCARED ME!
SHRIEKS
GROAN
SCREA
AS FOR THE LANDLADY, SHE EXPLAINS BY PLACING A BULB IN THE HALL LIGHT SOCKET...
YESTERDAY, BY MISTAKE, I PUT THAT SUN LAMP BULB IN THE SOCKET! THE PURPLE ULTRA-VIOLET LIGHT MADE YOUR FACE LOOK WEIRD--AS IT'S DOING NOW!
SO THAT'S WHY YOU DASHED INTO YOUR APARTMENT! YOU HURRIED IN TO GET THE CORRECT LIGHT BULB!
LATER, TO CELEBRATE LOIS' RETURN, SUPERMAN TAKES HER TO DINNER...
SUPERMAN, I HEARD THAT PRINCE ALY PASHA IS SECRETLY VISITING THE UNITED STATES INCOGNITO! I THINK I'LL DO SOME SNOOPING AND FIND OUT IF THE RUMOR IS TRUE...
LOIS--AFTER ALL THAT'S HAPPENED, YOU STILL HAVEN'T LEARNED YOUR LESSON! OH, WAITER...
AFTER SUPERMAN WHISPERS AN ORDER TO THE WAITER...
SINCE YOU HAVE A CAT'S CURIOSITY--YOU PROBABLY HAVE A CAT'S APPETITE! DRINK UP, LOIS!
A SAUCER OF MILK!
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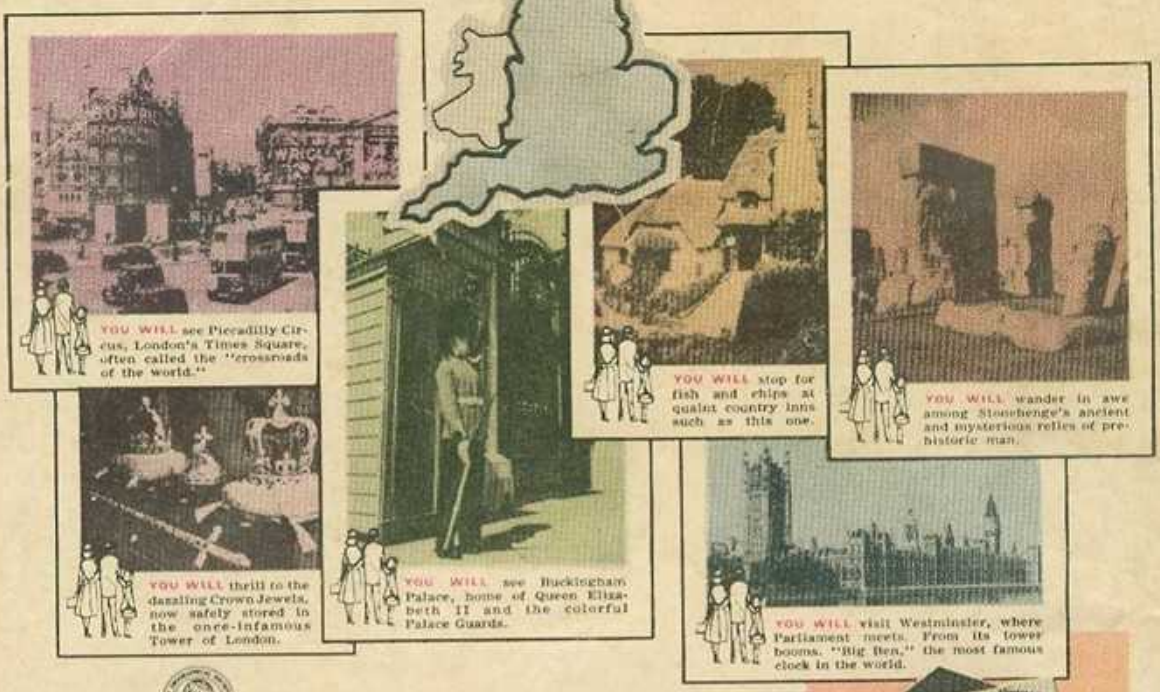
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